believed that there will be any action taken, and General Swaim will remain under suspension, drawing half pay, and without any one to occupy the rank he is

INAUGURAL PYROTECHNICS.

A Row That Came Near Ending in the Disruption of the Committee.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.-There came near being a rupture among some of the members of the inaugural sub-committees this morning and last night, over the question of fireworks to be displayed on the night of inauguration. The sub-committee having the fireworks in charge planned for a \$5,000 display, besides the \$1.500 to be offered to the flambeau clubs, while the chairman of the general committee figured for an expenditure of not over \$3,500 for pyrotechnics. When the sub-committee learned that they were to cut down to the extent of \$3,000 on their general display they saw that all of their plans were thrown out of consideration, and in a fit of disgust they declared that they would not serve longer. They held that the fireworks were the principal part of the inaugural display, and that while six thousand or eight thousand people would want to go to the ball, at least ten times that number of persons would go out to view the fireworks. A special meetout to view the fireworks. A special meeting of the general committee was held this afternoon, and it was finally decided that the fireworks committee should go ahead on the basis of a five-thousand-dollar display. The fireworks heretofore have cost from \$1,000 to \$3,000. This year there is to be the greatest pyrotechnical exhibition ever given in this country.

THE WHITE HOUSE.

It Is a Rat-Infested, Worm-Eaten, Ramshackle, Tumbledown Old Building. Special to the Chicago Tribune.

It is a great pity the great American Republic has not a better residence for the family of the President. After March 4 next Mrs. Harrison will have to live in this old house, and she will here search in vain for many of the comforts of her Indianapolis home. Mrs. Cleveland said the other day to one of her visitors that she would really be glad to get out of the few square and unpleasant rooms which constitute he official home, and into some house that is better suited for comfortable living. She and the President remained at their country house till winter had fairly set in because there the surroundings are those of a home. They were at times so crowded by the few guests whom they entertained that the President and Mrs. Cleveland found it necessary to drive to town for a bed to sleep in, but even that was preferable to existence in the White House while it could be avoided. Mrs. Cleveland jokingly said she believed she would send a message to Congress before March 4, written and signed with her own hand, asking for an appropriation for a new executive mansion. She added that she knew Mrs. Harrison and the wives of succeeding Presidents would thank her for so toing, and it is a pity she does not think beriously of carrying out in some manner so good an intention, for a few words from her would have far more weight than anything her husband could write. With a few flourishes of her pretty hand she could un-lock the doors of the Treasury.

I was much struck by a remark made to me recently by Alexander Fostin, who was chief cook at the White House under President Arthur. Mr. Fostin is a Frenchman one of the best cooks in the world, and man who has in his day traveled much, with

his eyes all the time open.
"I ver sorry Mrs. Harrison," said he his Frenchy way; "the range in the White House kitchen he get hot, he get cold, he never be depend on, and he sometimes smoke. He ver old range bought when Mr. Jackson President, no, what you call him who was President long before Mr. Artoor, after Mr. Lincoln died! Oh. yes! Mr. John-He been there since Mr. Johnson. He

It really is Mrs. Cleveland's duty as good, neighborly housekeeper to get hold of her rich but stingy old landlord and coax or shame him into buying a new cook-stove before the new tenant comes in. If Uncle Sam be permitted to go along in this way a few years more, persistently clinging to the old war-time stove, failing to put in modern plumbing, and in every possible way deny-ing the rights and failing to provide for the comforts of his tenants, who knows but in a short time he will pluck up courage enough to follow the example of other landlords in the District of Columbia and put a sign on the White House door:

TO RENT AFTER MARCH 4.

Mrs. Harrison should bring along with her a good supply or rat poison. There are rats in the White House, and the dignity of this Nation should not be imperiled by such a condition. General Harrison is but human, and if he should hear strange noises in the dead of night he would be as likely as any-body to rise up and cry "rats!" and endeavor to frighten the rodent away. Mr. Fostin eays the rats were pretty well cleaned out during the Arthur administration by virtue of a vigorous and persistent war of extermination, but he understands that the pests have returned to the kitchen and faundry. There are plenty of spots in the down-stairs woodwork which show where rat holes have been carefully patched up by the carpenter and painted up. In fact, the whole house has been patched and painted over till it is an old hulk unworthy of retention even for the associations which eling about it. The house is now in a bad state of repair-the worst it has been in for

White House a few days ago. On the asphalt walk she stubbed the toe of her shoe in a seam of the pavement and a moment later stepped into a little pool of water which had gathered in a hollow. She paused and looked round, and then expressed herself in true Yankee fashion. "I never saw such shiftlessness," she claimed. "This walk is a disgrace to the country. Look at those old lamps there and that rickety old stile they are putting in the window for an exit at the reception to-night! And look there! see that brickpaved court winding around the basement As I live, it is green with mold and slime. It is disgraceful!"

A New England lady was a visitor at the

INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHT. The Typographical Unions Heartily Favor the Passage of the Bill.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.-President W. E. Boselly, J. L. Kennedy and John T. Burke, a committee from Typographical Union. No. 6, of New York city, have been at the Capitol for the past two days, and have done some effective work to forward the passage of the Chace international copyright bill. They are encouraged to believe that the bill will become a law at this session. The bill, so far as it relates to printers, is an absolutely protective measure. It guarantees that all books copyrighted in this country must be printed from type set within the limits of the United States. The New York union has spent money freely to further the bill. Amos J. Cummings, John M. Farquhar and D. Gallinger, who are now in Congress, and who, in the past, have been active and able members of typographical unions, are working earnestly and efficiently for the bill, and they will leave no stone unturned to have it en-acted into law. A poll of the House has been obtained, and it shows that two-thirds of the members will vote for the bill. Speaker Carlisle is favorable to it, and will recognize Mr. Randall at the proper time to move a suspension of the rules and place it

Mr. Bynum is friendly, but is in some doubt because of counter petitions received from Indianapolis. In any event his action will be guided by what he learns is the wish of Typographical Union No. 1, expressed under the seal of the union.

MINOR MATTERS.

Judge Jeremiah M. Wilson Argues in Favor of Statehood for Utah.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Judge Jeremiah M. Wilson, of this city, concluded his argument, to-day, in behalf of the admission of vanced rapidly in value.

place grew older and the settlers were more numerous, she taught the district school. She is a well-educated woman and holds a State certificate from the Superintendent of Schools of Ohio. From time to time she improved her place as she felt able, and made a decided success at farming. Since she filed her claim the property has advanced rapidly in value.

Utah Territory as a State of the Union, before the House committee on Territories. He argued that when a Territory had a population sufficient to entitle it to a Representative in Congress, with the other conditions incident to a fixed population, there was a moral obligation resting on the government to admit that Territory as a State. He said that one of the matters relied upon He said that one of the matters relied upon to secure the rejection of the application of Utah for admission was the fact of the practice of polygamy, and he declared that not 2 per cent. of the present adult Mormon male population of the Territory have ever practiced polygamy. He argued that the tenets of the Mormon Church required the people to obey the laws of the State. That was one of the fundamental tenets of the church. one of the fundamental tenets of the church. He maintained that Congress had full power to make such a compact with the proposed State as would secure the suppres-sion of polygamy. If the State broke the compact. Congress would have power to enforce its terms or relegate the State back into a territorial condition, and resume control. He supported this view by a number of citations. At the conclusion of his address, delegate Smith, of Arizona, addressed the conclusion of admissions of admiss dressed the committee in favor of admission. He spoke well of the Mormon people of Arizona, and said they were law-abiding, honest and good citizens.

The Suffrage Convention. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.-At the convention of the Woman's National Suffrage Association, May Wright Sewall, of Indiana, attracted a good deal of attention by talking about "Women in the Recent Campaign." She spoke of the national Prohibition convention held in Indianapolis, and said that during the long sessions of the committees and of the convention itself, the remark was generally made: "How tired the men look?" Her personal observation was to the same effect that the men looked all fagged out, while the women were fresh and active. This seems to confirm the belief in the opinion of the speaker that men have not the physical strength to endure the fatigues of a political campaign. She said that some thirty-eight political clubs of women were formed throughout Indiana during the last campaign. Frances Folsom Cleveland clubs were formed, and also Carrie Harrison clubs. She spoke of the women calling in delegations upon General Harrison, and also of their taking part in the rallies. At to-day's session of the convention the other speakers were Hon. W. D. Kelley, of Pennsylvania; State Senator Blue, of Kansas; Mrs. Harriet Shattuck, Mrs. Virginia Minor, of Missouri, who de-fended the Catholic Church from the charge of opposition to woman suffrage.

The Blunder in the Texas Electoral Returns. St. Louis, Jan. 22.-A telegram from Austin, Tex., referring to the blunder committed by the presidential electors of that State in not signing their names on the envelope containing the vote of Texas, as required by law, and the consequent non-acceptance of it yesterday by Mr. Ingalls, says Governor Ross, on being advised of the information, immediately telegraphed all the electors to meet at Austin at once and prepare another return, in proper form.

There is some chance of not being able to do this in time, as some of the electors live in remote parts of the great State, but every possible effort will be made to accomplish it. If the electors can reach Austin by Thursday evening, and the messenger, Rob-ertson, who left Washington at 3 P. M. yesterday to fetch the corrected returns, meets with no accident on the road, all will be well; but if the messenger misses a single connection, or meets with even two hours' delay en route, or the electors fail to arrive at Austin Thursday evening, the trip can-not be made in time, and the vote of Texas will not be counted when the final declaration is made at Washington.

Removals in the New York Custom House. Washington, Jan. 22.—The Secretary of the Treasury has approved the recommendation of acting appraiser Stearns at New York for the removal of the following named employees of the appraiser's office: Examiners—Abram G. Remsn, Robert E. Bowne, Rodney Smith, H. L. Bardwell and W. D. Davis. Samplers-Isaac W. Cole, Peter Twamley, Nicholas J. Flocker and Clerk and verifier Wm. G. Spencer. The letter authorizing these dismissals was mailed last night, and the persons concerned were notified this morning.

Indiana Pensions. Pensions have been granted the follow-

ing-named Indianians: Original Invalid- D. R. Wisel, Salem Center; J. B. Harris, Silverville; B. F. Cooper, Ormas; H. Jaqua, Kokomo; S Cooper, Ormas; H. Jaqua, Kokomo; S. Fisher, Richards; D. P. Locker, New Corydon; J. Maxwell, Badger; J. H. Sloan, Fort Wayne; J. Hoffa, Patricksburg; A. Wineinger, Medora; J. Armstrong, Jeffersonville; G. Franer, Indianapolis; J. M. Morgan, Washington; S. Forlow, alias S. Black, Logansport; S. P. Gilley, Alfordsville.

Increase—J. E. Walters, Nineveh; I. Oberholt, Wakarusa; S. W. Edwins, Frankton; W. H. Perry, Kingston; (payy) H. Stude-W. H. Perry, Kingston; (navy) H. Studebaker, Farmland; J. C. Rock, Bloomington; (navy) J. Blackman, Indianapolis; J. C. Bowe, Indianapolis; J. L. Welman, Irvington; I. Beil, Angola; J. Haskell, Fort Wayne; G.W. House, Greensburg; H. Smith, Montpelier; J. H. Wooley, Amity; J. M.

Wagoman, Dow. Reissue-E. A. Junken, Arlington; P. W. Brown, Franklin. Widows, etc.—Mary A. Kensler, widow of J. M. Orr, Indianapolis; Harriet A., widow of John S. Williams, Riley; Charles F., father of John O. Klotzshe, Oleon. Mexican Survivor - John Woodward.

Mexican Widow-Minerva, widow of M M. Clampitt, Mooney.

Indiana Patents.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Patents were granted Indiana inventors to-day as fol

Christian Held, Indianapolis, machine for making maccaroni and noodles; John C Reed, assignor of one-half to D. W. Coffin, Indianapolis, closure for buckets; James D. Sloan, Rushville, hose coupling; Joel R. Stanbrough, Sheridan, gate.

General Notes.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 .- To-day the Comptroller of the Currency authorized the organization of the Citizens' National Bank of Franklin, with a capital of \$50,000. Thomas W. Woolen is president, and Jno.

W. Ragsdale, cashier. Mrs. Ida A. Harper, of Terre Haute, has secured apartments for the winter at the Maltby, a new hotel just north of the capitol, where Representative and Mrs. Owen

are located. The three Republican representatives-elect to the Fifty-first Congress for Indi-ana receive from fifty to one hundred applications a day for office, and only a part of their office-aspiring constituents are being heard from. Applications for office now avail nothing. It would be well for Hoosiers seeking positions in the railway mail-service to remember that that branch of the government is under the civil-service law now, and applicants must pass an ex-

amination to receive appointments.

The Comptroller of the Currency to-day approved the National Bank of Illinois, Chicago, as reserve bank for the Meridian National Bank of Indianapolis.

Capt. W. M. Meredith, of Chicago, formerly of Indianapolis, arrived to-day. He is

securing indorsements for the public printership.

The Secretary of the Treasury this afternoon accepted the following bonds: Fourand-one-half per cents., registered, \$170,000

Miss Snyder's Homestead Claim.

WOODSTOCK, D. T., Jan. 22.—Miss Anna Snyder, of this city, made final proof in her homestead yesterday. Miss Snyder came to Dakota from Evanston, Ill., over five years ago to "take a claim." She located nine miles west of Woodstock, in what was then a very desolate portion of the country, built a snug little house, just large enough for one, and settled down. She supported herself by coming to town and doing washing and cleaning for the housewives, walking in and out to her claim. Then as the place grew older and the settlers were more

INDIANA AND ILLINOIS NEWS

A Belligerent Rooster Attacks a Child and Endeavors to Tear Out Its Eyes.

Burglars Captured at Terre Haute-A Farmer's Mind Unbalanced by Swindlers-Row Over a Bridge-Natural Gas at Mattoon.

INDIANA.

A Savage Rooster Assaults a Little Girl and

Tries to Pick Out Her Eyes. FORT WAYNE, Jan. 22.-While driving out on the prairie road near South Bend, on Sunday, Orlando Martin heard the screams of a little child near the farm of Henry Kale. Martin at once got out of his vehicle and ran into the yard, and was surprised to see a large Plymouth Rock rooster standing over the prostrate form of a little girl. The rooster was crowing in triumph, and as Martin approached he saw that the cock had been fighting the little girl, who was lying on her back, with her hands over her lying on her back, with her hands over her face, and screaming from pain and fear. Her hands, wrists and face were covered with blood. The rooster had savagely attacked her, and had attempted to get at her eyes, as was evident from the spur-marks on the child's face. Martin's arrival had been timely, as the child was almost exhausted from her contest with the rooster. The little girl's name is Ethel, and she is two and one-half years old. While her mother was engaged in a remote place the child had started out to hunt eggs, and had the encounter with the enraged fowl. Her the encounter with the enraged fowl. Her injuries are severe, but it is thought her eye-sight will not be impaired.

Farmer Crazed by Swindlers.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. VALPARAISO, Jan. 22.-Christian Wiler residing near the eastern line of Lake county, has been taken to the insane asylum at Logansport, and is thought to be incurable. Some time ago two strangers came to Mr. Wiler in the field, and told him they were securing agents for a new patent binder. They told him he was wanted to be their agent in his neighborhood, and would have no expense except to pay for what machines he sold, and from which he would get a good profit. They requested him to sign a paper, which they said would be sent to the company to show his authority to act as agent. He did this, and after awhile Mr. Wiler was notified of a promis sory note for \$286, the paper he signed proving to be a negotiable note, which had passed into innocent hands. The swindle reyed on his mind until is made him crazy.

Damages Awarded for a Singular Accident Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

DANVILLE, Jan. 22.-The suit for damages instituted by Benjamin Sanders against the Plainfield and Cartersburg Gravel-road Company was decided by a jury for the plaintiff, giving him \$860 damages. The case originated in an accident, some time ago. Sanders was driving a four-horse team, hitched to a log wagon, heavily loaded with saw-logs, across a bridge on the pike, and the bridge broke through, precipitating driver, horses and wagon into the creek below, and injuring himself and horses, and damaging his property. Sanders showed that his knee-cap was broken in the fall, and the jury gave him \$500 for this alone, and \$360 for injuries sustained by his team and outfit. The defendant's counsel say they will appeal to the Supreme Court.

Rumpus Over a Free Interstate Bridge. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

VINCENES, Jan. 22 .- On the 1st of January the wagon bridge over the Wabash river here was made free, and at once let the Illinois people into this city free of toll, giving them the liberty, without taxation, to trade as they please. It was a fine business venture for the city of Vincennes. The business men of the adjoining Illinois towns have raised a vigorous remonstrance against this, as the Illinois Legislature is expected to exempt the bridge from taxastion on the Illinois side, and petitions are now in circulation to prevent it. The matter has raised a great breeze on both sides of the Wabash, and an interesting fight is expected in the Legislature. Whatever the outcome, however, the bridge will never again be made a tolled thoroughfare.

An Ailment That Puzzles the Doctors. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

COLUMBUS, Jan. 22.-E. H. Moore, a busi ness man of this city, is suffering from a pe culiar ailment, which physicians state is almost certain to result fatally. There is an obstruction of some kind in his stomach. and for over three months not a particle of substance has passed into the intestines. He has been kept alive by liquid food, which, after serving as nourishment, is ejected from the stomach by way of the mouth. An operation will be performed upon him Thursday by Indianapolis surgeons with the view of removing the obstruction from the stomach. He is very much emaciated, and his chances of surviving the operation are very small.

Bondsmen Asking Relief. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

VINCENNES, Jan. 22.-About three years ago when S. S. Hollingsworth, the defaulting treasurer of Knox county, was arrested for his crime, he was placed under \$2,000 bond. In a short time he ran away and his bondsmen, Joseph Kelso and Isaac Holingsworth, had to pay the bond thus forfeited. The attorneys for the bondsmen have now prepared a bill appealing to the Legislature to pay back the money, as Hollingsworth afterward came back from Canada and gave himself up voluntarily. It is a question as to whether the appeal will be granted or not.

Indianapolis Burglars Arrested at Terre Haute Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Jan. 22.-The police to day arrested J. C. Evans, who, with George Dawson and one Barrett, had been blowing open safes and burglarizing stores in Indianapolis and other Indiana cities. Barrett was caught here a week or more ago, just after a "job" had 'een done, but Evans and Dawson left the ity. Both returned today, and Evans was captured. He had about \$500 on his person, and a complete set of the small tools used by burglars. Dawson's home is in Indianapolis, which is also thought to be Evans's headquarters.

lined for Cheering in a Court-Room. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WINCHESTER, Jan. 22.-In the Randolpl Circuit Court, to-day, Anson Coats was tried on a charge of larceny and acquitted. During the trial the large court-room was filled with Coats's friends and relatives, who awaited the result of the trial with intense interest, as Coats has been a man who has always stood well. So great was the enthusiasm when the verdict was brought in that two of the number present began cheering, upon which the judge promptly fined them \$5 apiece for contempt

The Bridegroom Fails to Appear. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SHELBYVILLE, Jan. 22.-Mr. Frank Dugan. a deputy in the freight office in this city. has been waiting upon Miss Ella Bogart for the past five years, and the wedding was recently fixed for this evening 7 o'clock. The prospective bride made all preparations for the event, and was heartbroken, to-day, to learn that Dugan had deserted her and left on the late train last night for the West. He left a sealed note which was to be delivered to his

Christian Church Dedicated.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. PLEASANT GROVE, Jan. 22.—The Christian Church people in this place have just completed a very comfortable house of worship. It is well built and neatly furnished and reflects credit on both church and community. It was formally dedicated on Sunday, the services being conducted by Rev. L. L. Carpenter, of Wabash. He raised \$100 more than was required to pay all in-debtedness.

mill, six miles southeast of here, while handling a revolver last night accidentally shot herself in the breast, producing a wound that may prove fatal.

Asking \$5,000 for Alleged Slander.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. GREENSBURG, Jan. 22 .- John C. Leach, of the neighborhood of St. Paul, to-day filed a suit for slander, demanding \$5,000 damages from Philip Slifer, a neighbor. The provoking cause arose at a petty trial, a week ago, before a justice at St. Paul.

Asking \$15,000 from a Woman.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. Madison, Jan. 22.—Two suits for damages were to-day entered in the Circuit Court here, against Mrs. Captain Finley—one for \$10,000 by Mary Dolhoover, and the other by Annie O'Connell for \$5,000.

Minor Notes. Near Kentland, on Monday, Bert Shonk-wiler was fatally stabbed by Will Perkins. A fire at Roanoke on Monday destroyed three stores and the G. A. R. hall, causing a loss of \$6,000. Three young society men of Martinsville have received notes telling them to leave

the State within ten days or suffer a visit from White Caps. A catamount that covers fourteen feet at each leap is the latest addition to the fanciful stories floating over the State. The scene of this story is laid in Monroe county. A Good Templar lodge of sixty-five charter members was installed at Linden, Mont-

gomery county, yesterday evening, by Wm. P. Daggett, State deputy of the Grand Wm. Martin, of Lafayette, found dead in a fishing-boat near Vincennes last September, and supposed to be as poor as a church mouse, is now found to have left an estate

The district convention of Good Templars will be held in Crawfordsville on Feb. 13 and 14. Grand Chief Hagans, of Shelby-ville, and Grand Secretary Miss Nannie A. Wheeler, of Carlisle, will be in attendance. The new normal Sunday-school class at Crawfordsville, recently organized by Dr. Gilbert, of the State Sunday-school Association, has selected Prof. J. M. Coulter, of Wabash College, as instructor for the first three months.

A horse belonging to Joel Denman, a farmer living near Alamo, Montgomery county, died of hydrophobia. This makes the second case of the kind within a day or two. A number of hogs have also died in

William Miller, son of Postmaster Miller, of Goshen, was found lying dead in a field near his home on Monday with a rifle across his breast. It is supposed that he committed suicide, and his disappointment in a recent love affair is given as the cause.

Frank Elder, who returned to Greensburg from Jeffersonville on Monday night. having completed a year's term in prison there, says that the half has not been told of the bad management of the prison. He occupied a position in which he saw much more than the ordinary prisoner. Mrs. James Graham, of Fort Wayne, died

on Sunday. She was the stepmother of the notorious George Graham, who was taken from the Springfield (Mo.) jail by a mob and hanged for the murder of his wife, the daughter of Marquis Graham, of Fort Wayne, on the farm of Mrs. Emma Molloy. A society for the prevention of cruelty to children and animals was organized at Columbus yesterday. The officers elected were: President, W. J. Lucas; vice-president, Mrs. M. P. Wertz; secretary, F. Donner; treasurer. J. I. Irwin; directors, Prof. A. H. Graham, William Ruddick, H. L. Rost, Dr. F. Woodard and Mrs. S. E.

ILLINOIS.

Where Gas Wells Have Been Burning for Seventeen Years, but Never Utilized.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MATTOON, Jan. 22.-A company is being formed to renew the search for natural gas in this city and vicinity, where there are several wells now burning. In 1877 Laney & Churchill, of Indianapolis, put a drill down 1,600 feet in the east part of the city, but no gas was found there. The strong leaks are found in the southwest part of the city, but the new company, which will start with \$10,000 paid-up capital, and posi-itive guarantees of \$20,000 more, if needed, from reliable persons, will sink a drill on the Cunningham farm, three miles south of the city, where wells have been burning for the past seventeen years. Recently additional strong flows of natural gas have been struck, and utilized in lighting and heating farm residences. The strongest flow found on the ridge threw out rocks, the size of hen eggs, sixty-five feet in the air, and gas has troubled well-diggers in that neighborhood for years past, plenty of this being often found when there was very little, if any, water, at depths of sixty to eighty-five feet. It is positively known that there is plenty of natural gas on the ridge running three miles south of the city in an east and west line, and the company proposes to tap it and pipe it in.

A Literary Minister Changes His Field.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. ELKHART, Ind., Jan. 22.—Rev. L. S. Keyser, for several years in charge of the First Lutheran Church of this city, and well known throughout the country as author of the recently published and popular novels of a religious nature, "The Only Way Out" and "The Epochs of a Life," has accepted a call to a charge in Springfield, Ill., and will deliver his farewell sermon here on Sunday. Mr. Keyser is about thirty-five years of age and well known as a writer of fiction as well as a rising minister.

New Measures in the Legislature. SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 22.-In the House to-

day a bill was introduced to require insurance companies incorporated outside of this State, but doing business in it, to file a stipulation with the auditor agreeing not to combine with other companies to prevent competition. A bill for the annexation of its adjoining suburbs to Chicago was also introduced. In the Senate a bill was introduced for the appropriation of \$10,000 for an Illinois soldiers' monument on the battlefield of

Gettysburg. Brief Mention. An epidemic of scarlet fever exists at

Macon, and the schools have been closed. The central school at Waukegan, a threestory brick building, was burned on Mon-

George Harvey, a merchant of Bluffs, and Dayton Ward, an aged citizen of Elgin, died on Monday.

The Pekin Driving Park Association was incorporated, on Monday, by Daniel Sapp, George W. Rankin and Horace S. Marshall. The authorities of LaHarpe have offered a reward of \$600 for the apprehension of the parties who set fire to the Gittings Seminary, some weeks ago.

The State Tile-makers' Association, rep resenting about six hundred factories, is in session at Springfield. Governor Fifer delivered the address of welcome on Monday On Sunday night, near Mount Vernon, six cars containing crude petroleum ran off the Air-line track. The tanks were burst, and the oil caught fire yesterday morning, destroying three hundred barrels of oil.

Another incendiary fire at Geneva, on Saturday night, has so excited the people that, it is reported, some are afraid to go to bed at night. Matthew Mackelmeyer's barns were burned, with grain, hay, im-chinery, five horses and two cows. No clew.

Prize Fight with Extra Trimmings.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Young Murphy, the colored pugilist, of Wisconsin, and Wm. Weston's "unknown," fought four rounds in an open air ring near Hessville, Ind., yesterday. Although the mercury was at zero, the men stripped to the waist. In the fourth round Murphy knocked the unknown off his feet with a terrific blow under the jaw which cut the flesh and under the jaw, which cut the flesh and started the blood to flowing in great streams. As soon as the unknown got on his feet he seized a bottle and cracked Murphy's second—another negro from Wis-consin—an the head and stretched him out upon the ground. The man's face was cut in a frightful manner, the blood freezing as fast as it ran from the gashes. He lay insensible for half an hour. After having made this enslaught the unknown seized a ring stake and defended himself from the Accidentally Shot Herself.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GREENSBURG, Jan. 22.—Anna M. Clark, wife of John F. Clark, living near Layton's pockets of the stakeholder.

MRS. MECKIE RAWSON.

Testimony Showing that She Is a More Than Usually Wicked and Vicious Woman.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Another sensation de veloped in the sensationally fruitful experience of Mrs. Meckie Rawson, to-day. Mrs. Rawson was the wife of banker Stephen G. Rawson, who began an action for divorce from her. During its pendency, Mrs. Rawson's son by a former husband, Ralph Lee, shot and dangerously wounded the banker while he was emerging from a church-door, and Mrs. Rawson shot and wounded lawyer Whitney, attorney for Mr. Rawson, in open court, from the effects of which Mr. Whitney is now in an insane asylum, and for which action Mrs. Rawson is now on trial in the Criminal Court. To-day's sensation was produced by the reading of the evidence before the grand jury, on the strength of which Mrs. Rawson indicted, and, singularly enough, this damaging testimony was presented by the defense. The testimony was read from the stenographer's report of the proceedings before the jury, and included the evidence given by L. H. Bisbee, a prominent lawyer, at the time attorney for Mr. Rawson. Mr. Bisbee told the grand jury that he had been doing business for a man named Bush, from New Orleans. Bush told him he knew a man who could tell him all about Mrs. Rawson and her affairs and introduced him to Matt Hogan, a fairs, and introduced him to Matt Hogan, a detective, and now a saloon-keeper on State street. "Hogan," said Bisbee in his testimony, "told me he had been in Mrs. Rawson's em-

ploy for several months. She said she wanted some one to put Rawson out of the way in some manner. She tried to hire him to put poison in his gin-bottle, which he kept in his bed-room, and from which he occasionally drank during the night. There was some poison in the house which had been there ever since the which had been there ever since the first Mrs. Rawson died, in 1881, and a little of it mixed with gin, she said, would do the business for him." Mr. Bisbee said Bush told him that Mrs. Rawson's record was bad from way back; that she was terribly profane and used to drink a great deal. He then told of negotiations which he [Bisbee] had with M. A. Driscoll, a friend of Mrs. Rawson, who was manager of Leahmann's Hotel at Lakevilla. "Driscoll approached me." said Mr. "Driscoll approached me," said Mr. Bisbee, "on the subject of a settlement. He first said he wanted \$160,000, for that was what Mrs. Rawson valued her dower in her husband's estate at. I went to Lakevilla to see Driscoll on Friday, and offered him \$25,000. He wanted \$50,000, but we finally agreed upon \$32,500. Driscoll said he had come from Mrs. Rawson and repre-sented her. He was sorry, he said, that the settlement could not be consummated before Monday, because there would likely be bloodshed in the meantime. I became alarmed at this, and sent word at once to Mr. Rawson to be careful Driscoll said Rawson was guarded all day at the bank, and at home, and the only place he was not protected was at church. The next Sunday he was shot at church. Lee, Mrs. Rawson's former husband, was a deserter from the regular army, and a gambler. Hogan told me he was in Washington Territory, but that Mrs. Rawson had sent for him to kill Rawson, after he [Hogan] had refused to take the job. He found out that Lee got as far as Milwaukee on his way to Chicago, and that there he received a postoffice money order from Chicago for \$20, and got it

The stenographer next read the testi-money of Mrs. Hattie Hamilton, a woman who said she lived with Mrs. Rawson be-fore she married the banker. Mrs. Hamilfore she married the banker. Mrs. Hamilton said the defendant was profane and violent, and swore terribly because Rawson did not pay her son Ralph, who was employed in his bank, a larger salary. "She said," the Hamilton woman testified, "that she would get even with the old Spoopendyke. She would marry him, make his money fly and then get rid of him."

Hogan's testimony was read, and it gave in more detail Mrs. Rawson's alleged at tempt to get him to murder the banker. Hogan told the story of the gin-bottle and the poison. The proposition to commit murder was made to him by her at the Lepland hotel while he was acting as a detective for her. He left her at once and went over to Mr. Bisbee's employment. Hogan said Mrs. Rawson told him that if he would not kill Rawson, she would send for Lee, and he would do it.

Patsy Cardiff Wins a Fight on a Foul. MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 22.—The fight between Patsy Cardiff, of this city, and Jim Fell, the champion heavy-weight of Michigan, took place this evening, in the presence of 2,000 people. By the articles of agreement the contest was to be fifteen rounds, Marquis of Queensbeuy rules, for \$250 a side and 75 and 25 per cent. of the gate receipts. Small gloves were used. Fell has fought some fifty battles, and it is his boast that he has never been defeated. He entered the ring weighing 160 pounds, while Cardifi weighed 180 pounds. Betting was about even when time was called, at 9:57. Fell pushed the fighting from the beginning, forcing Cardiff about the ring and giving him some heavy blows, although Cardiff claimed the first blood. The latter made some terrific rushes in the third and fourth rounds, but Fell managed to close one of his eyes. After that Cardiff seemed to brace up and did some good execution on Fell's neck, although the latter rained many hard hits on the former's face. In the tenth round Fell's strength appeared to be failing, and from then to the last round the fight was rather tame, but both men oc-casionally got in good licks. In the closing round it was a general rough and tumble. Fell was winded, but pluckily held his own, even when forced to the ropes and half way over them. The men fought viciously, clinching and wrestling, and wholly disregarding the referees. There were numerous cries of foul by Cardiff's friends, and at the close the referee gave him the fight on that ground. Neither of the men were very badly punished, though Cardiff was in the

best condition. Losses by Fire.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 22.—About 4:30 this morning a still alarm notified the department that a fire was raging in the establishment of the Berrisford Baking and Confectionery Company. The origin of the fire could not be learned. When the department arrived the entire fourth, or top story, was in flames. A second and third alarms were immediately sent in. By 4:45 it was apparent that the flames would spread no further, and by 5 o'clock the fire was under control. E. F. Berrisford, the owner of the building, and also a partner in the com-pany, said that the building and the stock inside was fully covered by insurance. He was confident that from \$40,000 to \$50,000 would cover all the loss.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. HARTFORD CITY, Jan. 22 .- A large tile factory, just west of the town of Upland, was destroyed by fire last night. They factory was using gas for fuel and has been making tile all winter by means of it. Loss, \$2,000; no insurance.

MATTOON, Ill., Jan. 22.—The residence of r. M. Bishop, in which he lived and conducted a law and insurance business, was burned at Lerna, last night. Loss, \$1,000, covered by insurance. Cause supposed to be a defective flue. SPENCER, Wis., Jan. 22.—The saw-mill of

Caswell & Meyer, five miles west of Unity,

was destroyed by fire yesterday at 1 o'clock The mill was to start up to-day. Loss about \$8,000, with insurance of \$3,000. CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—The business portion of the village of Matamora, Ill., was destroyed by fire yesterday. The losses amount to \$25,000, with little insurance.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 22.—D. C. Jermy's large block burned to-night. Loss, St. Louis, Jan. 22.-The St. Louis cremaay was destroyed by fire to-night. Loes,

Engish Interest in American Legislation PITSBURG, Jan. 22.—Edward James, a prominent English tin-plate manufacturer, is in the city looking up a location for the Pope Ilon and Tin-plate Company, of Tipton, England, which it is proposed to move here. Mr.James stated to a Dispatch reporter to-night that over \$1,000,000 had been contributed by English tin-plate manufacturers and merchants to defeat the clause in the Senate tasiff hill imposing a duty on tin-Senate tailff bill imposing a duty on tin-plate, and this sum has been judiciously placed in the hands of lobbyists for that purpose. In the event of the passage of the bill, the industry will likely be wound up in England, and the many workers will flock to this country. At present there are 203 tin-plate mills in Great Britain, employing fully 100,000 men.

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TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Rev. Thomas Marcy, a superannuated Methodist clergyman, who had lived with relatives at Newton, Mass., for several years, committed suicide, Monday night, by shooting. He was seventy-five years

F. D. Ructasamen shot himself in the head yesterday morning at his residence in Hoboken, N. J., and almost instantly, expired. He was sixty-five years of age and for a month past had, by his peculiar ac-tions, alarmed his family, who believed his mental faculties were impaired.

Daniel Duffy, who has had charge of the upholstery department of the firm of John and James Dobson, of Philadelphia, for a number of years, disappeared from that city several days ago, and, it is alleged, has em-bezzled funds belonging to his employers. It is reported that the amount of shortage is suspected to be from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

The great fly-wheel, fourteen feet in diameter and weighing six tons, in the en-gine-house of the Northwestern Parlor Suite Company, in the outskirts of Chicago, burst asunder with a terine crash yesterday morning. The pieces flew in every direction, wrecking the engine-house, and some of them landing as much as six blocks away. Wm. Kobow, the engineer, was badly hurt. A panic was created among the 150 employes in the building, and a rush was made for the street. Fortunately, none of them were seriously hurt in the stampede.

Business Embarrassments.

LOCKPORT, N. Y., Jan. 22.—The failure of Wm. McRae, of this city, is only a question of a few hours. He is a large railroad con-tractor and water-works builder, associated with Lally & McRae. The firm now holds contracts for nearly \$1,000,000 for the erection of water works in Dallas, Tex., Covington, Ky., Emporia, Kan., and for rail-roads between Grand Rapids and Grand Ledge, Mich., and from East Saginaw to Durand, in the same State. The failure is a personal one, involving only \$50,000 worth of debts. This, Mr. McRae says, his personal estate can easily pay. He was forced to make an assignment through his inability to raise \$40,000 to relieve the lumber firm of Wm. Mcrae & Co. The lumber firm has been losing largely for the past five years, and was heavily in debt. Mr. McRae will assign to H. H. Flagter, who will, as assignee, have supervision over his interests in Lally & McRae. McRae owned several blocks and a handsome residence here. All have been heavily mortgaged to keep his various businesses afloat

CINCINNATI, Jan. 22.—George and William F. Kepler, proprietors of Kepler's Hotel, have assigned to Thomas B. Paxton. The liabilities are estimated at \$30,000, assets about equal. Chattel and real estate mortgages were given amounting to \$16,000. St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 22.—The firm of F. W. Rosenthal & Co., dealers in carpets, has made an assignment to Walter M. Hezel. The liabilities are placed at about \$60,000 and the assets considerably less.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 22.—Dobrienz & Netter, hatters, made a voluntary assignment to-day. Liabilities and assets not given. The assignee filed a bond for

\$10,000. EAU CLAIRE, Wis., Jan. 22.—Campbell Bros., lumber manufacturers, of Weyerhauser, assigned to-day to Emmett Horan, of this city. Assets, \$15,000; liabilities,

Suicide of a Well-Known Business Man. CHICAGO, Jan. 22.-Frederick W. Bidwell, treasurer of the Manufacturers' Paper Company, of New York, was found dead in his room at the Grace Hotel, to-day, with his throat cut from ear to ear. A razor was clutched in his hand. He retired at a seasonable hour last night, with nothing unusual in his demeanor. This noon a chambermaid, making her rounds, unsus-pectingly turned the door-knob and, finding it unlocked, walked in. The gas was still burning beside the mirror over the dresser. A dash of blook stained the top of the dresser, and the blood trailed across the floor to the bed. Apparently, Bidwell had stretched himself out to die lengthways up on top of the covers. The pillows were soaked with blood. Death seemingly was slow in coming, for the bloodstains showed that after being in the bed he had occupied a chair near the foot from which he pitched a chair near the foot, from which he pitched forward on his face, razor in hand, dead. There were two horrible cuts in his throat, the second half severing the windpipe and extending from ear to ear. On the writingtable were plain paper and envelopes, but nothing written.

Robbing a Street-Car Company. CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—The officers of the West-side Street-railway Company are investigating a serious "leakage." One conductor interested in the scheme to heat the

company has confessed and implicated several others. One of the men, it seems, discovered how to set back the fare registers, and managed in the course of a year to pay for a house and lot with his ill-gotten gains. After this had been accomplished he came to the conclusion that he could make a good thing by retailing the information among his fellow-conductors. He fixed the price at \$25, and found many customers, one of whom has betrayed him. Several men have been discharged and are under surveillance. as the company expects to prosecute some of them. It is claimed that the company's loss by the stealings is upwards of \$8,000.

Obituary. BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Jan. 22.-Hon. Erastus Hussey died at his residence in this city yesterday, aged eighty-nine years. He came to Michigan in 1824, and has lived in this city over fifty years. He became a leader of the Liberty movement through-out Michigan in 1847-9, and was the editor of the Michigan Liberty Press. He presided over the State convention in 1854, and was one of the committee on resolutions which presented the platform at the inception of the Republican party. He has served the county and State in various official positions. Mr. Hussey was a very strong Abolitionist, and had charge of the underground railroad station here. He sheltered and assisted to escape nearly two thousand

Alleged Paupers Detained at Castle Garden. NEW YORK, Jan. 22.-Newly-arrived Wm. O'Conner Laughlin and his wife, four children, mother and two sisters, are detained at Castle Garden. Laughlin, who was a newspaper reporter in Belfast, Ireland, had but \$5 in his possession when he arrived yesterday on the Servia. Major J. B. Pond called at the Garden to-day, and will endeavor to have them all released. Laughlin acted as Mr. Pond's agent during Henry Ward Beecher's lecturing tour in Ireland.

Steamship News.

HAMBURG, Jan. 22 .- Arrived: Rugia. from New York. MOVILLE, Jan. 22 .- Arrived: Devonia,

from New York. London, Jan. 22.—Sighted: Bulgarian, from Boston; the Queen, from New York. NEW YORK, Jan. 22.-Arrived: Bohemia from Hamburg; Italy, from Liverpool; Circassia. from Glasgow. The steamer State of Nebraska, which sprung a leak while on her voyage to Glasgow on Saturday, has been placed on the dry dock for repairs, and her passengers will sail on Thursday by the Guion-line steamer Nevada.